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Seattle physician's medical license immediately suspended

OLYMPIA — The Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the state Department of Health have immediately suspended the medical license of Seattle physician Cynthia M. Smyth (MD00033399). Charges say Smyth is unable to practice with reasonable skill or safety due to a physical or mental condition.

Smyth cannot practice medicine in Washington until the charges are resolved. She has 20 days to respond to the charges and to request a hearing.

The charges can be seen online by clicking, "Look up a health care provider" on the Department of Health website; copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety by assuring the competency and quality of physicians and physician assistants. The commission establishes and monitors qualifications for licensure, and consistently enforces practice standards and professional conduct through discipline and continuing education.

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